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[HUD's Office of Native American Programs](#) (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

Eastern Woodlands Region



The [Eastern Woodlands Office](#) (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the [CodeTalk website](#).

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings from the Administrator – Mark Butterfield

First of all I would like to wish you all the best of the Holidays. By the time this is out the Holiday season will already be upon us with Thanksgiving just past. The holidays are a great time to reconnect with family and friends. It is also a time when you realize what you have to do to fit all the relatives in. For TDHEs there is always a balance between size and affordability. Managing the right sized unit for families is always a difficult juggling act for most TDHEs. Most tenants want a larger unit, but that must be balanced against the overall



GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

need in the service area, how many are on the waiting list and for the proper sized units. In addition, Tenant Services must consider what the family can afford, not just in rent but utility costs, water, sewer, heating, cooling, gas or electricity. These can be significant costs that the family can't really afford beyond rent. This may require connecting a family with the local **LIHEAP** program [**Low Income Energy Assistance Program**], whether run by the Tribe, State or County.

Planning. The problems mentioned above can be dealt with by the use of long range planning and policy development. Planning is an ongoing process that requires TDHEs recognize and accommodate changing demographics. For example, where once growing families with lots of children were the norm, now there might be more families where the children have all moved out. Suddenly, the TDHE finds itself dealing with a family who has lived in a 3 or 4 bedroom unit for 15 years, but only is left with a husband and wife and no need for extra bedrooms. Meanwhile, Tenant Services has growing families without three or four bedroom units available. Figuring out how to match the family who is overcrowded with those units that are underutilized may give TDHEs a headache, but NAHASDA leaves this sort of decision to the TDHE. It may choose to build newer modern two bedroom units to accommodate the older couple without minor children or give them an incentive to move to existing smaller units, such as offering lower rents for smaller units or special discounts for elders. Nearly all TDHE rental leases give the TDHE the right to move a family to a more appropriate unit, but having the right and using it can run up against community and cultural roadblocks.

Policy Development. Adopting policies that address these situations is advisable so that one isn't implementing a policy without considering its ramifications to other tenants and the TDHE's ability to administer and enforce the policy. Many a time I can recall having a pet policy amended in response to a single tenant's issue then have someone else wanting to change it further to accommodate their situation. Therefore, thinking it through should be encouraged or you may end up suffering from the law of unintended consequences. Policies should be clear and direct but it is always a good idea to go over it with the family prior to move in and having them initial specific problem areas helps to minimize objections later.

Winter is a good time to discuss the TDHE's major problems and strategize how to use the Indian Housing Plan [IHP] to address those challenges. Though housing is a major and central concern, the TDHE's charge is to build a community and serve its needs, whether those are services or facilities such as Head Start, Community Buildings, sidewalks, parks, Laundromats, street lighting water and sewer etc. Plan for the worst and hope for the best is a good planners' guide.

Even though it is expected to be a mild winter, neither the Farmer's Almanac or predictions of an El Niño are foolproof so prepare for winter by being proactive. The arrival of winter brings issues about keeping tenants and homebuyers warm and protected against the cold. We urge all TDHE's to advise those who qualify to apply to their local State, County or Tribal **LIHEAP fund if they qualify**. LIHEAP stands for **Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program** and is usually, but not always, administered by the State. Tribes are also eligible to run their own LIHEAP program, which can allow more money to be used for weatherization which can improve a dwellings use of energy. LIHEAP does not itself pay a low-income tenant their entire energy bill, but it might be just enough to get them through the winter. Many grants are for about \$300. You can find your state's program by searching on google by the State's name and LIHEAP.

So stay warm this winter and enjoy the Holidays.

Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



Passes the Interior Improvement Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On December 1, 2015, U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), praised the committee's passage of [S. 1879](#), the Interior Improvement Act.

The act dramatically improves the Department of the Interior's trust land acquisition process for Indian tribes. In addition to codifying and streamlining portions of that process, this bill restores the secretary of the Interior's authority to take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes and reaffirms the status of Indian lands already taken into trust. Barrasso [introduced S. 1879](#) in July of 2015.

"The committee passed the bill to reform Washington's process for taking land into trust for Indian tribes," **said Chairman Barrasso**. "It will encourage cooperation at the local level and more transparency from Washington. It is time we give sovereign tribes the ability to use their land for the betterment of their people. I will work to see this bill pass the full Senate soon."



Background

On Feb. 24, 2009, the Supreme Court of the United States decided in *Carcieri v. Salazar* that the secretary of the Interior lacked the authority to take land into trust for tribes that were not "under federal jurisdiction" at the time the Indian Reorganization Act became law on June 18, 1934.

Since the *Carcieri* decision was issued, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has explored solutions to address longstanding issues resulting from that decision and affecting the trust land acquisition process.

In the 114th Congress, on March 25, 2015, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a [roundtable discussion](#) titled, "The *Carcieri v. Salazar* Supreme Court Decision and Exploring a Way Forward." On July 8, 2015, the committee also held an [oversight hearing](#) titled, "A Path Forward: Trust Modernization and Reform for Indian Lands."

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut thanks the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Mohegan Tribe for helping out in the community

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Mohegan Tribal Council are making headlines for their efforts to build a new casino and preserve Connecticut jobs, but the United Way, knows them as some of our most dedicated community partners. United Way has worked with both tribes on numerous projects, from conducting food, toy and coat drives to cleaning up local parks.

This past May, the Mashantucket Pequots and the Mohegans joined forces with United Way to hold a Day of Caring in Waterford. More than 125 employees of the two tribes and their casinos participated, cleaning up Camp Harkness in advance of its June opening. From dawn to dusk, energetic volunteers beautified the park's cabins, beach, gardens and playgrounds, which are designed to accommodate disabled individuals. Camp Harkness welcomes more than 33,000 visitors every year, and the tribes' efforts helped ensure an enjoyable experience for them.

More than 5,000 households in southeastern Connecticut have also received meals thanks to the tribes' community activism. Every year, each tribe adopts one of ten Mobile Food Pantry sites of the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center. The Mobile Food Pantry travels to 10 locations across New London County, serving more than 1,000 families per month. Volunteers from each tribe staff their designated sites on a monthly basis, distributing food to families in need.



New Contact for EWONAP Bulletin!

Send your press releases, events & news, and project photos to Administrator Mark Butterfield at Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country.

EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS



H.R. 3764: Tribal Recognition Act of 2015

The House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs will hold a second hearing on H.R. 3764, the Tribal Recognition Act.

The bill strips the Bureau of Indian Affairs of its ability to recognize tribes and instead requires Congress to make a final decision on every petition. The Obama administration and some tribes have already come out against it but Republicans say they will push it through the House anyway.

The second hearing takes place on December 8 in Room 1334 of the Longworth House Office Building. A witness list hasn't been posted online but it will likely feature tribal leaders and representatives of groups seeking federal recognition.

The U.S. Census Bureau is reaching out to Indian Country

The U.S. Census Bureau is reaching out to Indian Country before it undertakes the next major count of the nation's population.

The agency started holding a series of consultations with tribal leaders last month. The goal is to make the 2020 Census more accurate with respect to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"To do an accurate census, it has to be done locally," Census Bureau Director John Thompson told The Albuquerque Journal. "We realized in 2000, and even more in 2010, the importance of having a local presence."

The 2010 Census was the most accurate in history. Yet it missed 4.9 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives who live on reservations, the agency previously reported. "We're not happy with that," Thompson told the Journal. "We certainly want to improve on that." The agency is consulting with tribes in New Mexico. Prior meetings were held in Anchorage, Alaska; San Diego, California; and Choctaw, Mississippi.



EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS



SIX TRIBAL COLLEGES RECEIVE EPA-AIHEC TRIBAL ECOAMBASSADOR GRANTS

ALEXANDRIA, VA - On November 12, 2015 , Six (6) Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) received competitive grants totaling \$160,000 through the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's longstanding Tribal ecoAmbassador partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Tribal ecoAmbassador program empowers tribal communities to identify and address their own unique environmental needs while building the capacity of Tribal Colleges and Native students by encouraging relationships with federal scientists and offering hands-on field and laboratory experience. The program recognizes and honors an important factor that makes TCUs unique among institutions of higher education: the incorporation of traditional cultural knowledge with the western scientific method.

"We are proud to be partnering with the EPA on this exciting and empowering initiative," said Carrie L. Billy, President & CEO of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), which is the nation's 37 TCUs. "Each ecoAmbassador project is rooted in tribal culture and community need or aspiration, and in addressing that need or working toward that goal, TCU students are empowered to create positive change. They learn new research skills and through use of those skills, they rediscover important lessons from their tribe's history, lands, and ways of knowing. Their own identity is strengthened."

In 2011, EPA first partnered with AIHEC to support the initial Tribal ecoAmbassadors project. In the years since, EPA has recognized the tremendous value of these modestly funded programs, and this year's round of grants marks the fifth year of the project.

Under the initiative, each TCU develops its own project idea, based on its community's needs and the institution's capacity. Past projects have included recycling, traditional gardens, water and air quality research, traditional plant restoration, mercury accumulation in plant and animal tissue, and more. To date, the Tribal ecoAmbassador project has supported 26 projects at 15 TCUs.



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When a college receives an award, TCU professors and students are matched with EPA staff with federal scientists who are working in the same field on similar projects and can offer expertise, connections, or training.

Six TCUs received grants this year, including:

Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS - \$35,000. The HINU Tribal ecoAmbassador project will focus on food waste reduction in the campus cafeteria, as well as, a campus-wide effort to landscape the campus with a focus on planting traditional polyculture vegetable gardens, native Kansas prairie grasses, wild flowers, shrubs and fruit bearing trees.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Baraga, MI - \$35,000. The KBOCC Tribal ecoAmbassador project will continue and expand water temperature profiling efforts in habitats of local fish management species as part of the implementation of best-management practices for fisheries of the Lake Superior region.

Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT - \$35,000. The SKC Tribal ecoAmbassador project will locate and quantify arsenic concentrations in well water on CSKT land and inform community members if wells are found with elevated arsenic levels and how to access safe drinking water.

Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, ND - \$35,000. The TMCC Tribal ecoAmbassador project will research recreational activities in Tribal lakes to determine if such activities lead to water contamination resulting in a hazardous environment for invertebrate organisms, specifically leeches.

Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM - \$10,000. The IAIA Tribal ecoAmbassador project will use art and permaculture to enhance public spaces and to create restoration and passive water harvesting systems and bio-retention rain gardens.

Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, WA - \$10,000. The NWIC Tribal ecoAmbassador project, Rooted Relationships, builds upon previous efforts at Northwest Indian College to expand and enhance facilities, materials and instruction concerning the interrelation of people, plants and wellness.

AIHEC is the collective spirit and unifying voice of our nation's 37 TCUs - a unique community of tribally and federally chartered public institutions of higher education working to make a difference in the lives of many thousands of American Indian and Alaska Native students, their families, and their communities.


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TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Training/Event	When & Where	Description and Registration
NAIHC's Legal Symposium 	December 7-9 Las Vegas, NV	This is the premier learning event for housing and legal professionals from across the country working to address the availability and access to affordable housing for Native American families. Bringing together legal practitioners, housing organizations, tribal housing authorities, law students, legal academics and other tribal leaders – Join more than 500 of your industry peers and foremost experts in Indian housing law and regulations. Explore ideas, experiences, share insights and address emerging issues whether you are a seasoned legal practitioner or just beginning your professional path working in housing this is the event to attend. http://naihc.net/legal-symposium/
Grant Writing-ICDBG	January 12-14, Phoenix, AZ	Registration: On-line registration links and details for this class will be posted on the NAIHC website as soon as hotel contracts are secured and/or HUD Training Room Reservations are confirmed. Note: This schedule is subject to change. You are encouraged to monitor the NAIHC website for the most current information. Additional Information: For additional information on these training sessions, please contact the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) at 1-202-789-1754 or 1-800-284-9165.
More Trainings (HUD/ONAP)	Jan. – March 2016	February 1-15 2016 Portland , OR Pathways February 9-12, 2016 Albuquerque, NM Pathways February 17-18, 2016 Phoenix, AZ Board of Commissioners Roles & Responsibilities March 15-16, 2016 Reno, NV Executive Director Refresher Workshop
Whatever You'd Like	When You'd Like It	FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Executive Director Training • Self– Monitoring • Board of Commissioner's Training • Financial Management • Accounting for Grants Management • Construction Management • Development Project Planning and Management • Policies and Procedures Update Workshop Contact Mary White at Mary.White@hud.gov or 312.913.8762

For information about [NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#), [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's HUD ONAP Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's HUD ONAP Training](#), [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's other Resources](#), [click here](#).

REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Meeting	When & Where	Description
USET Impact Week	Feb. 8-11 2016, Arlington, VA	At the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA
EWONAP Regional	March 15-17, 2016, Hollywood, FL.	At the Native Learning Center, FL
NAIHC/Amerind	May 9-11, 2016, Honolulu, HI	At the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki Beach

Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager®](#) is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. For more info, [click here](#).

[DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country](#): This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

[National Training and Education Resource](#): Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

[EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#) requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 have their firm certified by EPA, use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices. Learn more [here](#).



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You can complete the process in minutes online.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

Guides, Resources, and Tools

Free Online Permaculture Design Course: The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities: The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool: The US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance: This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes. The Guide is a new section of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, [click here](#).

FindYouthInfo.gov helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, [click here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

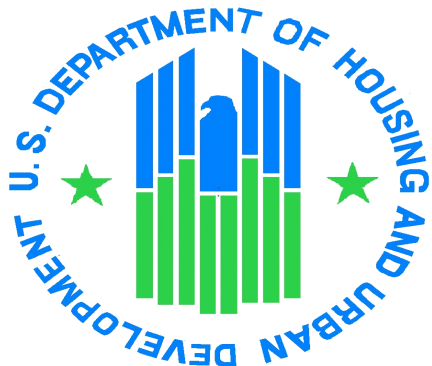
The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

Source	Deadline	Details and links
U.S. Dept. of Energy Office of Indian Energy Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands DE-FOA- 0001390	Dec. 10	Eligible entities: Indian tribes (including Alaska Native regional and village corporations, tribal consortia, and organizations) and tribal energy resource development organizations. Up to \$6 million in funding is available for approximately. 6-10 new awards to accelerate clean energy development on tribal lands. Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy will help Indian tribes and tribal resource development organizations to install: Facility-scale clean energy and energy efficiency projects and Community-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more information, see the full funding opportunity announcement . Informational Webinar: The U.S. Dept. of Energy Office of Indian Energy's webinar provides information. for potential applicants and describes the funding opportunity announcement in detail, including. who is eligible to apply, application needs to include, cost share & other requirements, and how applications will be selected for funding. Webinar is posted for viewing.
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (United States Depart- ment of Agriculture Rural Development)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more info, click here .
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (Department of Interi- or)	Open	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group; Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives; A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .
Section 504 United States Department of Agriculture Single Family Housing Repair Grants & Loans	Open	United States Department of Agriculture Section 504 Grants and Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards. Grants up to \$7,500 for Elders, 62 and older. Loans up to \$20,000. Must meet eligibility criteria.

HUD OFFERS NEXT ROUND OF PLANNING GRANTS TO HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants to help communities revitalize distressed areas



WASHINGTON – On November 23, 2015, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of new funding to help local communities across the country to redevelop severely distressed public and HUD-assisted housing and transform surrounding neighborhoods. The funding announcement introduces an additional, innovative component to the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, called Planning and Action Grants.

Grants of up to \$2 million will enable communities to create a locally driven plan to transform struggling neighborhoods, as well as implement early improvements, such as reclaiming vacant property and attracting new businesses.

“HUD’s mission of expanding opportunity extends beyond a family’s front door to the neighborhoods where they live,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “These grants will let local leaders create homegrown plans to strengthen their neighborhoods and to take those first vital steps to turn their plans into reality.”

Choice Neighborhoods is HUD’s signature place-based initiative in support of the President’s goal to build Ladders of Opportunity to the middle class. Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

- ◆ **Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.
- ◆ **People:** Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families.
- ◆ **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families’ choices about their community.

Up to now, Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds could only be used to create a neighborhood Transformation Plan. However, experience with the 63 previously awarded Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantees has shown that tangible, early actions help sustain community energy, attract new resources, and build momentum to turn that plan into reality.



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HUD's FY15/16 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds build upon these lessons by introducing Planning and Action Grants. Under these grants, communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing will continue to develop a successful neighborhood transformation plan and build the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. In addition, Planning and Action Grant funds will also enable activities including:

- ◆ Reclaiming and recycling vacant property into community gardens, pocket parks, farmers markets, or land banking;
- ◆ Beautification, place making, and community arts projects;
- ◆ Homeowner and business façade improvement programs;
- ◆ Neighborhood broadband/Wi-Fi;
- ◆ Fresh food initiatives; and
- ◆ Gap financing for economic development projects.

Through the Choice Neighborhoods planning process local governments, housing authorities, residents, nonprofits, tribal authorities, private developers, school districts, police departments, and other civic organizations create a common vision and develop effective strategies to revitalize their neighborhood. The resulting Transformation Plan and locally driven Action Activities lay the foundation for revitalizing the distressed public and/or assisted housing units, transforming the surrounding neighborhood, and promoting opportunities for families.

Today, Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantees can be found across the country in cities and towns, such as Kansas City, Missouri, Norwalk, Connecticut, and Sacramento, California. Several Planning Grantees have already launched neighborhood improvements that provided the inspiration for Planning and Action Grants. For example, in Salisbury, North Carolina, partners expanded a Mobile Fresh Farm to residents, spurring a nearby college to open a new culinary school that will provide mentoring to local students and sell surplus produce at discount prices.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funds are available for public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and **tribal entities**. Applicants must submit a completed electronic application through www.grants.gov by **February 9, 2016**. Read HUD's funding notice.



NativeOneStop.gov was launched in an effort to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives with easy, online access to Federal resources and programs. NativeOneStop.gov is a partnership of many Federal agencies and organizations with a shared vision to provide improved, personalized access to Federal resources and programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. NativeOneStop.gov will make it easier for tribes, Alaska Natives, and American Indians to find services, receive consistent information, and streamline outreach and services by Federal agencies.

The site's core function is the eligibility prescreening questionnaire or "Resources Finder." Answers to the questionnaire are used to evaluate a visitor's situation and compare it with the eligibility criteria for resources and programs. Each program description provides visitors with the next steps to apply for any resource or program of interest.

[The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program](#) is a home mortgage specifically



designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of September 2015, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 30,000 loans, almost \$4.9 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,250 loans have been made bringing \$525 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).

If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov.

[HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program](#) - Title

VI loans enable [Indian Housing Block Grant](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact David Thomas, at David.C.Thomas@hud.gov or 312.913.8774.



Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:

MOWA Choctaw HA	Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.
Iswa Development Corp.	Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.
Aroostook Band of Micmac	Construction of 17 units in two communities.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy	Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.
White Earth Reservation HA	Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.
Lac Courte Oreilles HA	Construction of 20 multifamily units.
Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA	Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing.
Red Lake Reservation HA	Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.
Lumbee Tribe	Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.



Developing a New Project?

Revising your Policies and Procedures?

Reassessing Long Term Goals?

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FOR TRIBAL AND TDHE
GRANTEES**

How Does It Work?

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We can work one-on-one or train in small groups.

Training and Technical Assistance can be done remotely or on-site.

Training and TA available on:

- Construction Management
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Grant Administration
- Green & Healthy Homes
- Home Buyer Education
- Leverage Financing
- Maintenance
- Needs Assessments
- Occupancy & Eligibility
- Organizational Structure
- Procurement
- Strategic Planning
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USEFUL LINKS

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HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	DOT Tribal Transportation Program
HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee	Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force
HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee	Asset Building for Native Communities
HUD Healthy Homes	Center for American Indian Economic Development
HUD ROSS Grant	Native American Contractors Association
HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing	National Congress of American Indians
HUD PIH Environmental Resources	National American Indian Housing Council
HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs	DOE Tribal Energy Program
HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program	DOE Weatherization Grants
HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program	DOE Federal Energy Management Program
DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives	EPA Tribal Grants
USDA Rural Development Grants	Small Business Administration Loans
Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources	CDFI Native American Initiatives
VA Native Health Services	VA Native American Direct Loan
Economic Development Administration	BIA Housing Improvement Program
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